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NSC BRIEFING

8 December 1954

OFFSHORE ISLANDS

- I. Island situation very quiet past 10 days--
broken only by sporadic shelling of Ichiang
(in north) and Quemoy's.
 - A. Communists may have been waiting for
clarification of US intentions or
amplifying US comment on Taipei pact.
 - B. However, such alternating lulls and
pressures common this year and heavy
shelling, bombing may be renewed any
time, in continuation harassment program.

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- A. Commie subs probably not now operating outside Yellow Sea but--
- B. State of training of crews is sufficiently advanced to permit offensive operations, should Chinese Communists so decide.

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